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1. On 3 December 1953, the Schuetzen Kaserne in Eberswalde was occupied by about 4,300 troops, including about 500 to 600 recruits. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 25 November, about 300 to 350 recruits received basic training at the drill field and about 65 troops engaged in maintenance work in the vehicle sheds. On 12 December [redacted] 4 radio trucks with covered numbers near the ordnance shop. 25X1
2. On 3 December, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied by about 4,000 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On 2 December, a column of about 20 trucks, [redacted] left the installation toward the town. About 500 to 600 recruits engaged in close order drill in the barracks yard. 25X1
3. On 3 December, the cantonment on Breitscheidt Strasse was occupied by about 500 troops, including about 100 recruits. About 26 trucks were in the bays of the new vehicle shed and 6 special trailers for masté were in the yard. 1 25X1
4. On 3 December, the Britz cantonment was occupied by an AAA unit equipped with 85-mm AA guns and 37-mm AA guns. On 25 November, 2 trucks [redacted] were seen en route toward the camp. 25X1
5. [redacted] 25X1
6. On 27 November, 10 officers and about 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia left the Eberswalde railroad station toward Bernau aboard a passenger train. 3 At 10:30 a.m. on 27 November, 5 flatcars with sideracks carrying 30 apparently factory-new field kitchens arrived at the railroad station from a northern direction. [redacted] 25X1
7. Between 25 November and 3 December [redacted] in addition to 50 families living there, another 250 families of Soviet officers were expected to arrive in Eberswalde. About 50 of these families had allegedly already arrived and, like the others, had been quartered in buildings on Freienwasser Strasse, Ebersberger Strasse, Moxel Strasse, 25X1

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Danziger Strasse, Franz Mueller Strasse and Rudolf Breitscheid Strasse. As these billets were heavily occupied, additional streets were to be vacated. 4

8. On 4 December, the Schuetzen Kaserne was occupied to capacity. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] intensive interior duty. 25X1

9. On 4 December, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied to capacity. [redacted] 25X1

10. On 4 December, the cantonment on Breitscheid Strasse was occupied by about 120 to 140 troops who wore black-bordered and blue-bordered black epaulets. About 15 trucks, including 1 radio truck, were in the newly constructed vehicle sheds. [redacted] 25X1

11. On 26 November, the Schuetzen Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 3,800 troops and a headquarters of about 500 troops. On 20 November, about 150 recruits engaged in march practice at the drill ground and, on 25 November, 25 troops were servicing trucks in a garage. Three radio trucks were observed near the ordnance shop. On 25 November, about 54 recruits engaged in march practice at the drill ground. [redacted] 25X1

12. On 28 November, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied by about 4,000 troops. On 27 November and several other days, an undetermined number of troops practiced marching. [redacted] 25X1

13. On 28 November, the cantonment on Breitscheid Strasse was occupied to capacity by about 500 troops, including about 100 recruits. Sentries observed wore black-bordered black epaulets. The newly constructed vehicle shed had been roofed and quartered about 27 motor vehicles. On 21 November, about 35 troops were maintaining 15 trucks in the barracks yard and, on 23 November, about 100 recruits engaged in physical training at the athletic field northwest of the billets.

14. On 28 November, the Fritz cantonment was occupied by an AAA unit. [redacted] 25X1

15. On 28 November, [redacted] 6 x 88-mm AA guns in the western AA emplacement. 1 25X1

16. Troop trains, which arrived in Eberswalde from the direction of Bad Freienwalde between 17 and 26 November, included:

17 November. At 11 a.m., a train of 30 boxcars occupied by about 1,200 recruits.

20 November. At about 8:20 a.m., a train of 55 boxcars occupied by about 2,200 recruits, mostly wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. 3

23 November. A shipment of 2 flatcars, attached to a freight train and carrying 2 factory-new 132-mm rocket launchers.

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26 November. At about 8:30 a.m., a train of about 60 boxcars occupied by about 2,400 recruits, mostly wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 3

1. Comment. The information does not indicate any changes in the distribution of units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army in the military installations in Eberswalde. The occupation of the Britz cantonment by medium and light units of the 63d AAA Div (US) corresponds with previous assumptions. The strength figure for the cantonment on Breitscheidt Strasse mentioned in paragraph 10 is considerably underestimated. 25X1
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3. Comment. Probably shipments in connection with the personnel exchange. 25X1
4. Comment. The large number of officers' families expected to arrive is accounted for by the fact that the Hq Fourth Gds Mecz Army is stationed in Eberswalde. Except for Rudolf Breitscheidt Strasse, the streets mentioned belong to the known restricted area northwest of the Artillerie Kaserne.

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